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While I'm sure you all have the numbers for accomplishments, here's a brief summary of other items that were on the radar over the last 6 months. You likely have this information and in more detail from folks but just a reminder to talk about BPPD efforts/milestones and accomplishments as they relate to:

1) Beyond the numbers for registration review and registration actions – an accomplishment that is surely worth mentioning was that the OPP IO had far fewer comments during Q2, 3 &4 on the registration packages in particular as they moved forward given all of your work on template revisions, clarity and presenting the bottom line in a concise, consistent manner.
2) The White Ag Biotech Principles as part of the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity formed in 2017 by Executive Order – there was quite a bit of work/meetings that where Mike and OCSPP management worked through the lead; NEC (Mackenzie Gross took over as POC when Ray Sterling left for USDA) and other agencies/offices including OSTP, USDA, FDA, USTR, State Dept, WHCO (White House Counsel), and DCOS.
3) The Coordinated Framework – continued work that included FDA and USDA on PIP regulations and potential exemptions / jurisdiction
4) Proposed guidance on plant biostimulants – progress included revamp of the guidance for plant regulator label claims. Lots of work with stakeholders.
5) BCC – revamp/rework. Clarifying roles, criteria and increased engagement with other divisions for reporting out
6) Specialized work on some novel applications – capturing the resource-intensive projects like Oxitec, Nookatone, Piedmont Animal Health (tick spray), etc. Ongoing work that often involved working with folks like Anna Lowit, Susan Jennings, CDC and others helped to create a path forward on these often novel, esoteric products. They vary on the scale of resource investment, milestones, etc so you could convey them as high/med/low effort and compare to progress made for accomplishments.
7) SURRO work – there were are least two of these while I was there. Stoller was the most resource intensive and this one was resolved. All but one product was released – the final one needed to be registered given label claims the registrant requested. These are heavy lifts for some of your more seasoned folks.
8) Participation/engagement with FDA and USDA on the joint Biotech messaging, education and outreach initiative. This project began in Sept 2017 and has included about 25 meetings which includes the three subgroups that EPA actively participates in. Participation in steering committees, outreach materials, etc. Let me know if you would like more info on this one.

Hope these are helpful. I'll check my files for any additional ones in case my memory is failing me.
Have a great long weekend!
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